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PATENT

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In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1616
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Appln. No.: 09/554,386 : Examiner: Sabiha N. Qazi
Filed: July 19, 2000 :
For: HYPOCHOLESTEREMIC PREPARATIONS : Attorney Docket
CONTAINING PHYTOSTENOLESTERS OF : No.: H 3190 PCT/US
CONJUGATED FATTY ACIDS, AND :
METHODS OF REDUCING SERUM :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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It is requested that the enclosed references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein. A Request for Continued Examination is being submitted herewith. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(a)(4), no additional fee is believed to be due for consideration of the instant Information Disclosure Statement.

Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/554,387, which is cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, is a 35 U.S.C. §371 application based on International Application No. PCT/EP98/07059, filed November 5, 1998, and is pending before Examiner S. Jiang, in Group Art Unit 1617. Applicant has enclosed a copy of the English translation of the Specification, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii). If the Examiner is unable to obtain copies of any other papers from Group Art Unit 1617, Applicant will provide such additional papers upon written request of the Examiner in a subsequent Office Action in the instant application. The remainder of the enclosed references were cited, either by Examiner Jiang or Applicants, in copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/554,387.

Independent consideration and acknowledgement of the enclosed references are respectfully requested.

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